Scientists of Wadia Institute of Himalayan Geology

8300. SHRI O. P. KOHLI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the services of about 70 scientists of the Wadia Institute of Himalayan Geology are being terminated by the Department of Science and Technology in a phased manner; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND SPACE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI) (a) and (b) There is no proposal to terminate the services of any scientist in the employ of Wadia Institute of Himalayan Geology, Dehradun.

Commercialisation of CSIR Knowledge Base

8301. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have accepted the recommendations made by Mashelkar Committee on commercialisation of CSIR knowledge base; and

(b) if so, the details of the recommendations being accepted and the modifications proposed therein?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND SPACE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI) (a) and (b) It has been decided to accept the recommendations made by Mashelkar Committee in regard to Marketing Setup, Staffing of Marketing Groups, Budget Head for Marketing, Training, Procedural Flexibilities, Recognition of User-oriented Work, International Cooperation, Technology Price for Technology Marketing, Technology Marketing Achievement, Sabbaticdal Leave etc. Of the recommendations relating to equity in lieu of fee for intellectual property licence is being further examined whereas the recommendation relating to representation of CSIR Staff on Board of Directors of private sector companies has been accepted. Further, the recommendation regarding establishment of Commercial Arms of Laboratories has also been accepted to give a fillip to the commercialisation of knowledge base of CSIR. Engagement of Consultants for Business Development and Marketing of knowledge base has also been accepted with certain stipulations. The recommendation relating to Monestary Incentives has been accepted with the modification that the distribution is to be made of the Intellectual fee or net surplus (remaining after accounting for all direct and indirect expenditure, as prescribed in the CSIR Guidelines) whichever is lower.

MOU signed between India and Singapore

8302. SHRI V. RAJESHWAR RAO:
DR. SHRIKANT RAMA CHANDRA JICHKAR:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Memorandum of Understanding between India and Singapore was signed during the visit of the Prime Minister of Singapore to India in January, 1995;

(b) if so, what are the details of this MOU; and